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SUBJECT: GOLDEN ORPHEUS MUSIC FESTIVAL

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1. NINTH GOLDEN ORPHEUS FESTIVAL JUNE 3-7 AT BULGARIAN BLACK SEACOAST RESORT " SUNNY BEACH" PRODUCED NOTHING UNUSUAL FROM EMBASSY' S POINT OF VIEW WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AMERICAN SINGER SALENA JONES' PARTICIPATION IN SPECIAL POST INTERMISSION GALA CONCERT JUNE 5 (FOR DETAILS OF WHICH SEE SOFIA A-126 OF JUNE 18). " GRAND PRIX" OF COMPETITION WAS WON BY SWEDISH SINGER LENA ERICKSON. FIRST PRIZES WENT TO FRANKIE STEVENS OF ENGLAND AND SOFIA ROTARU OF USSR. TURKEY' S AYLA ALGAN AND YUGOSLAVIA' S MIRO UNGAR TOOK SECOND PRIZES AND DONIKA VENKOVA, ONLY BULGARIAN TO WIN A PRIZE, SHARED THIRD PRIZE WITH MARY CRISTY OF LUXEMBOURG.

2. SINGERS FROM MORE THAN THIRTY COUNTRIES PARTICIPATED IN THE COMPETITION.

3. FIRST PRIZE FOR BEST PERFORMANCE OF A BULGARIAN SONG BY A FOREIGNER WENT TO ALLISON MC CALLUM OF AUSTRALIA, SECOND TO OSCAR HARRIS OF SURINAM AND THIRD PRIZE WAS AWARDED TO JUDIT SZUCS OF HUNGARY.

4. THERE WERE NO AMERICANS IN THE COMPETITION BUT SALENA JONES' SPECIAL AFTER- THE- INTERMISSION GALA CONCERT WAS,
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ACCORDING TO ONE OF THE FESTIVAL ORGANIZERS, THE " SUMMIT
OF THE FESTIVAL". ARTISTS FROM JAPAN, ITALY AND THE
SOVIET UNION AND YUGOSLAVIA ALSO GAVE SIMILAR GALA
CONCERTS DURING THE FESTIVAL.
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